

## HONEY

Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 4.38 million pounds during 2005. This total is up 2 percent from the 2004 production of 4.29 million pounds.

The 2005 production was extracted from 60,000 colonies, down 8 percent from the 64,000 colonies in 2004. Honey yield per colony averaged 73 pounds, 9 percent above the 2004 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the State as of December 15, 2005 totaled 2.32 million pounds, an increase of 23 percent from the 1.89 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged \$1.22 per pound for all methods of sale during 2005, 12 percent less than the 2004 average price. Value of honey production for the State in 2005 totaled \$5.34 million, compared with \$5.92 million in 2004.



Table 67. **HONEY:** Production and Value, New York, 1996-2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Colonies of bees	Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Total value	Stocks on Dec. 15
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 lbs.</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>1,000 dol.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
1996	68	80	5,440	.89	4,842	2,557
1997	72	60	4,320	.85	3,672	2,246
1998	65	80	5,200	.70	3,640	2,444
1999	69	70	4,830	.66	3,188	2,077
2000	58	80	4,640	.55	2,552	2,274
2001	53	70	3,710	.79	2,931	1,781
2002	60	98	5,880	1.25	7,350	2,470
2003	67	72	4,824	1.36	6,561	1,640
2004	64	67	4,288	1.38	5,917	1,887
2005	60	73	4,380	1.22	5,344	2,321

<sup>1/</sup> For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.